Technology (CIFT).

4. Central Institute of Fisheries Education (CIFE).

5. Central Institute of Freshwater Aquaculture (CIFA).

(c) and (d) There are no such proposals at present.

Shortage of essential drugs

2793. SHRI KRISHAN LAL SHARMA: Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state;

(a) whether it is a fact' that the main features of the drug market of the country is the ever availability of tonics whereas the essential drugs are always short of demand;

(b) whether it is also a fact that a number of medicines banned USA and other foreign countreis are being freely prescribed to the patients; and

(c) if so, whether Government propose to take action in this matter with specific measures and if so, by when?

THE MINSITER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO): (a) There has been no shortage of essential drugs. However; localised shortages of some particular branded formulations have been reported but even in such instances of temporary shortages, theraapeutic equivalents are normally available.

(b) and (c) It is not a fact that a number of medicines banned in U.S.A. and other countries are freely available in the country. As per the available information, World Health Organisation has so far reported the withdrawal of 44 drugs in some countries. Out of these 44 drugs, 26 drugs were never approved for marketing in India. Of the ramaining, 11 drugs were banned and 7 drugs were allowed for continued marketing in the country with 'caution' by the Drugs Controller of India in consultation with experts and expert bodies like ICMR.

Land earmarked for playgrounds in the capital

2794. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the estimated area of land (with location) in the Capital which was primarly meant for playgrounds to promote sports and has now been used for other purposes by the various authorities; and

(b) what alternative arrangements to provide play grounds have been made by Government for the promotion of sports by the various sports associations in the city, considering that Delhi has produced one of the finest sports persons of international level?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DEPARTMENT OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS) (SHRI MUKUL WASNIK): (a) No survey has been done about the area of land in the Capital which was primarily meant for playing grounds to promote sports and has now been used for other purposes. However, due to explosion of population and migration from other States, use of land for purposes other than sports activities cannot be ruled out;

(b) During the IX Asian Games, held in the Capital, several large sports infrastructure like Jawahar Lal Nehru Stadium, Ambedkar Stadium, Shivaji Stadium, Talkatora Swimming Pool, Dr. Karni Singh Shooting Range, Indira Gandhi Stadium, Chhatrasal Stadium etc. were created in the Capital. Subsequently, Delhi Development Authority has developed 8 sports centres and 26 play-grounds at different locations in the Capital. These are being used as per the use permissible and have become quite popular with the masses residing in those areas. A list of these is in Statement I and Statement II respectively.